



# ROMANS

THE ROAD OF FAITH



















# Hope in a Name

## Romans 9:25-33

**And whoever believes in him will not  
be put to shame**



# Sovereign Purpose—Parts 1&2

**Question: If we, as the chosen people of God, missed His plan for us, does it not stand to reason that God was unable to carry out His own plan?**



# Romans 9:14

(Question)

**What shall we say then? Is there  
injustice on God's part? By no means!**

# Romans 9:19

(Question)

**You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”**



# Paul's use of OT examples

1. Moses on the mountain and mercy
2. Choosing between Ishmael and Isaac
3. Choosing between Jacob and Esau
4. Pharaoh's heart hardening

# I. Hope for the Outsider

Continuation of Paul's response to the Jews asking about fairness



# Romans 9:23-24

in order to make known the riches  
of his glory for vessels of mercy,  
which he has prepared beforehand  
for glory—even us whom he has  
called, not from the Jews only but  
also from the **Gentiles**?



Romans 9:25

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**3<sup>rd</sup> child—Lo-Ammi = Not my people**



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**Not my people,** Israel would not remain a people  
of his spiritual blessing

# I. Hope for the Outsider

- a. The story of Hosea and Gomer is a picture of unfaithfulness
- b. The story of Hosea and Gomer is an invitation to faithfulness

**(vs. 24) even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles**



# Romans 9:25-26

As indeed he says in Hosea,  
Those who were not my people I will call '**my  
people,**'

and her who was not beloved I will call  
**'beloved,'"**

And in the very place where it was said to them,  
'You are not my people,'  
there they will be called **sons of the living God."**

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## II. Hope when there is unfaithfulness

What is God saying with Hosea's children?

Scattered, changed to **Planted**

No Mercy, changed to **Mercy**

Not My People, changed to **My People**

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The name changes tell us something—A day will come when the second set of names will be true of Israel



## II. Hope when there is unfaithfulness

- a. The story of Hosea and Gomer is a picture of God's faithfulness
- b. The story of Hosea and Gomer is a picture of God's faithfulness to his sovereign purpose

# 1 Peter 2:9-10

**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**



# III. Hope when there is defeat

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# Romans 9:27

And **Isaiah** cries out concerning Israel:



# III. Hope when there is defeat

The story of Isaiah is one of spiritual decline in a time of prosperity

- \* Isaiah was called the evangelical prophet
- \* Nation full of empty ritual and idolatry
- \* Isaiah called responds with cheerful readiness
- \* Leads to Babylonian decimation and exile

# John MacArthur

Isaiah spoke much about the grace of God toward Israel, particularly the last 27 chapters (out of 65). The centerpiece is Isaiah's unrivaled chapter 53, portraying the slain Lamb of God.



# Romans 9:27-28

And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a **remnant** of them will be saved, for the Lord will carry out **his sentence** upon the earth fully and without delay.”

# III. Hope when there is defeat

- a. Preservation is God's. Not everyone belongs to Him, but there always seems to be a remnant





What is God saying with Isaiah's children?

**Shear-jashub** = a remnant shall return

**Maher-shalel-hash-baz** = hasting to the spoil

...only a **remnant** of them will be saved, for  
the Lord will carry out his **sentence**...

# III. Hope when there is defeat

- a. Preservation is God's
- b. Condemnation is God's



# Romans 9:29

And as Isaiah, predicted,

**“If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring,  
we would have been like Sodom and become like  
Gomorrah.”**

# III. Hope when there is defeat

- a. The story of Isaiah is one of spiritual decline in a time of prosperity
- b. The story teaches us there is hope no matter the state of spiritual spoil
- c. The story teaches us the importance of the preacher



# Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born,  
For unto us a son is given; and the government  
shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

# III. Hope in the name of Christ

Matthew 1:21 – You shall call his name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins

Matthew 1:23 – and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means God with us)

Luke 1:31 – and you shall call his name Jesus...Son of the Most High



# Romans 9:30-31

**What shall we say then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. Why?**

# III. Hope in the name of Christ

What shall we say then?

Answer:

- a. Gentiles found it while not looking for it
- b. Jews had it but stumbled over it (Why?)



# Romans 9:32

**Why? Because they did not pursue it **by faith**,  
but as if it were based on works. They have  
stumbled over the stumbling stone,**

# Romans 9:33

As it is written,  
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to  
shame.





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